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SYSTEMS AND USES
THEREOF

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Sir:

A notice of abandonment of the subject application was mailed on August 19, 2003. While the subject application was active, applicants' attorney filed by fax on February 19, 2003, a continued prosecution application (CPA) before the final date for paying the allowance fee – February 20, 2003. Attached is a copy of a reply from the Patent Office showing that faxed papers were successfully received on February 19, 2003 (7 pages of fax). Also attached are copies of the CPA request and the necessary fee required (2 pages); Preliminary Amendment (3 pages); and Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).

The attorney handling the prosecution of the subject invention has left the employment of assignee and in reviewing his docket files, it was noted that a notice of abandonment for the subject was received from the Patent Office. A new attorney reviewing the files noted this and immediately prepared this subject Petition.

It is respectfully requested that the Petition be granted and the subject application be activated. Applicants believe that no fee is required

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Respectfully submitted,



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